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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Moore, Jr., et al.)
 Serial No.: 10/729,681) Group Art Unit: 3637
 Filing Date: December 5, 2003) Examiner: NYA
 For: COLLAPSIBLE PLASTIC)
 PALLET DESIGN)



Office of Petitions
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 Commissioner of Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION REGARDING OMITTED ITEMS
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.182

Sir:

This Petition under 37 CFR § 1.182 is being filed in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. Namely, the application was allegedly filed without drawings. Applicants assert that all of the drawings were included with the application when the application was filed. Therefore, Applicants hereby petition that the filing date of December 5, 2003 be accorded to the present application as all of the figures, namely 26 sheets of figures, were submitted with the application when it was mailed to the USPTO on December 5, 2003.

Accompanying this petition is: a Statement by Attorney in support of this Petition, which sets forth the facts regarding the filing of the application; a copy of the transmittal sheets that were attached to the application when the application was submitted; a copy of the post card, which has been stamped by the Patent Office; and copies of the figures as originally filed with the present application.

As can be seen from the postcard and the transmittal sheets, the applicants noted the submission of 26 sheets of figures. The postcard was stamped by the USPTO, thereby acknowledging receipt of the figures. It is noted that the present application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/938,954, the entire disclosure of which (and

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hence the figures) were incorporated into the above-identified application by reference. Therefore, the figures were both sent with the application when filed and were incorporated by reference from the parent application.

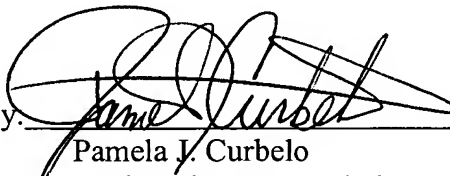
Applicants herein request reconsideration regarding the finding that the figures were omitted from the application when filed, and request the present application be accorded the filing date of December 5, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the small entity petition fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) is enclosed herewith.


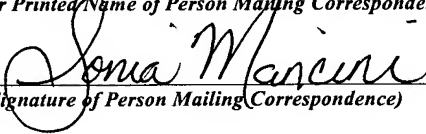
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Respectfully submitted,

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Invention: COLLAPSIBLE PLASTIC PALLET DESIGN				
				
<p>I hereby certify that this <u>Response to Notice of Incomplete Non-Provisional Application</u> (Identify type of correspondence)</p> <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on <u>October 26, 2004</u> (Date)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sonia Mancini (Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> (Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</p>				
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STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY

Sir:

As is standard practice in the filing of a patent application, the application is prepared for filing; e.g., the application is formatted, transmittal forms are prepared, and the postcard is prepared. The application (including the drawings), the declaration, the postcard, transmittal forms, and check were provided to me for review. Once the package was reviewed to ensure the priority was claimed, that all necessary boxes were marked on the transmittal form, and that all documents were present as noted in the transmittal and the postcard (e.g., the declaration, figures, and all pages of the application), the transmittal form was signed. The package was then copied and the original was submitted with the U.S. Postal Service (Express Mail).

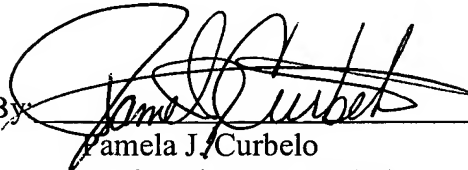
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)). Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

THE STAMP OF THE PATENT OFFICE, PLACED HEREON, ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF:

Attorney Docket: INI-0031-D2 Date Mailed: 12/5/2003

In Re Application Of: Roy E. Moore, Jr. et al.

For: COLLAPSIBLE PLASTIC PALLET DESIGN

Utility Patent Application Transmittal (4 sheets); Specification (30 sheets);
Figures (26 sheets); Declaration (3 sheets); Transmittal of IDS (2 sheets);
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Invention: COLLAPSIBLE PLASTIC PALLET DESIGN

I hereby certify that the following correspondence:

Utility Patent Application Transmittal (4 sheets); Specification (30 sheets); Formal Figures (26 sheets); Declaration (3 sheets); Transmittal of IDS (2 sheets); PTO Form 1449 (12 sheets); Check in the amount of \$385.00 for the application filing fee, and Acknowledgment Receipt Postcard (1)

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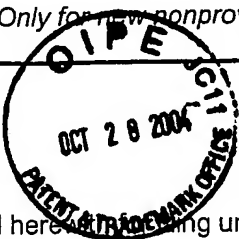
December 5, 2003*(Date)*Agatha Skierkowski*(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)**(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)*EV 299530069 US*("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)***Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Transmitted herewith for processing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

COLLAPSIBLE PLASTIC PALLET DESIGN

and invented by:

Roy E. Moore, Jr., Ronald P. Brochu and Daniel J. Swistak

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/938,954

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Enclosed are:

Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 30 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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Application Elements (Continued)

3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal Number of Sheets 26
- b. ☐ Informal Number of Sheets _____
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed *(original or copy)* ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ Paper
- c. ☐ Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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17. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ (Optional) Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: _____

18. ☐ Additional Enclosures (please identify below):

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19. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

An applicant who makes a request not to publish, but who subsequently files in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), must notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. A failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional.

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CLAIMS AS FILED

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Total Claims	10	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$385.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$385.00

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- ☒ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
- ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

Dated: December 5, 2003

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